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# Salute to soccer's nice guys

TWO of the great names in British soccer grace the pages of Match Weekly today.

There's PHIL BOYER, top scorer in Division One last season with 23 goals, and there's TREVOR BROOKING who scored West Ham's winner in that marvellous Cup Final with Arsenal.

Boyer has also become only the third man in ten years to score three Division One hat-tricks in one season.

So both have achieved a great deal in 79/80, yet they share one great quality —

modesty. Nothing is taken for granted.

They work hard at their game, never allow their undoubted skills to turn to arrogance, and are very much perfect examples for the schoolboys who want to follow in their footsteps.

Persuading Phil Boyer to talk about himself is just about as difficult as trying to stop him scoring goals at The Dell. Yet he has contributed a great deal to the game this season — and we are glad to salute him in a close-up look at all three of those hat-tricks on pages 4-5.

Trevor Brooking also joins Match today to start a four-part series which will enthral every young reader.

The England International talks about his life in football

and how it led to a career at the highest possible level. He already has two Cup Winners medals and, who knows, by the time his series is over, he may well have a European Championship medal to add to his collection.

We all hope so — and we wish him and West Ham well in their quest to get back into the First Division next season. For that is surely where a club of their tradition belongs.

**FRONT COVER:** Shirt flapping, Garry Birtles of Nottingham Forest (right) disputes a high ball with Crystal Palace's Billy Gilbert. Also lending a hand is big defender Larry Lloyd.



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# Good luck England



Ron Greenwood — faces most important test



David Johnson — will be feared by England's opponents in Italy.

RON Greenwood and his England squad fly out to Italy on Tuesday for their assault on the European Championships — and the best wishes of Match Weekly and all its readers go with them.

The Championships represent England's most important test for years. At last we have the chance — and a good one at that — of winning a major international trophy.

Though we cannot afford to be arrogant, we can at least be confident. For despite disappointments against Wales and N. Ireland Ron Greenwood has proved he has a squad with the strength to win in Rome. And most important it is a strength in depth — a point best demonstrated by the emergence of David Johnson as striker of international class.

Johnson, who has sparkled for Liverpool all season, has cashed in

on the unfortunate injury to Trevor Francis to strike fear into the other teams in the Championship with his recent performances.

Much of this week's issue of Match Weekly is devoted to previewing England's chances in the competition and on pages 12 and 13 Ray Wilkins talks of the confidence in the squad and other star players name their favourites for Rome.

On pages 14 and 15 we give you the chance to complete your own European Championship statistics chart and on pages 16 and 17 you can find our player-by-player dossier on the other teams in England's group. The last word goes to Brian Clough (18 and 19) who spells out his fear for England's success. There will be more on the Championships next week.

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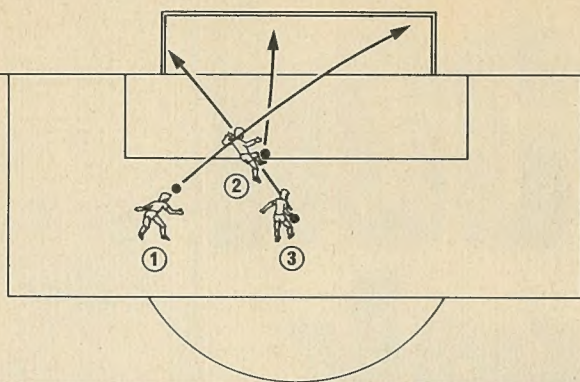
THIS week's issue of Match Weekly marks the start of England's quest to win the European Championship — and to make it a really special occasion we've designed a unique free gift.

You will already have found our European Championship Factfinder on the front cover of this issue. The Factfinder, designed exclusively for Match Weekly readers, will give you the international details at-a-glance of 22 top England squad members who will figure prominently in Rome during the next two weeks.



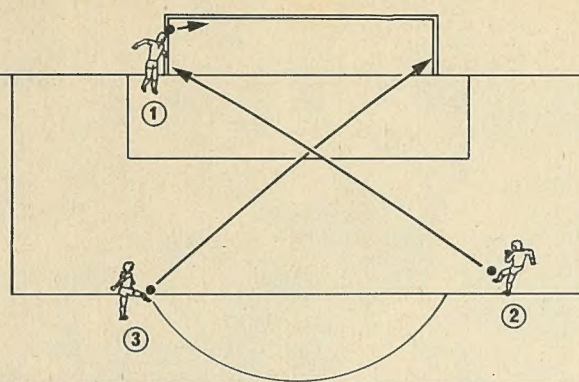
All the information for the Factfinder was supplied by the Association of Football Statistics (Basildon 0268-282556) — we hope you find it fun to use.





### V Derby (h), September, 1979

- 1 31 MINS: "Charlie George curled a cross in from the right and I was at the far post about 12 yards out to head in."
- 2 57 MINS: "Trevor Hebbard put me through and I stuck it in with my left foot on the six yard line."
- 3 84 MINS: "My first ever penalty. I scored with my second attempt after the first had been overruled."



### V Crystal Pal (h), October 9, 1979

- 1 16 MINS: "Trevor Hebbard hit a cross over from the right and I met it at the far post."
- 2 61 MINS: "Nick Holmes sent me through and I lobbed it over John Burridge on the edge of the penalty area."
- 3 89 MINS: "I turned on the edge of the box to score in the right hand corner."

# NINE OF THE

## Boyer joins the hat-trick greats

### Greaves is the greatest of all time

JIMMY Greaves ranks as the hat-trick king but here's a record of all the hat-trick greats since the war — those players who have scored three or more First Division League hat-tricks in one season.

THREE					
Player	Club	Season	Player	Club	Season
Jack Balmer	Liverpool	1946-47	Ron Davies	Southampton	1966-67
Freddie Steel	Stoke	1946-47	Jeff Astle	West Brom	1967-68
Jack Rowley	Man. Utd.	1947-48	Jimmy Greaves	Spurs	1968-69
Willie Moir	Bolton	1948-49	Kevin Hector	Derby	1973-74
Duggie Reid	Portsmouth	1949-50	Mick Ferguson	Coventry	1977-78
Jack Lee	Derby	1950-51	Phil Boyer	Southampton	1979-80
Alex McCrae	Middlesbrough	1950-51	FOUR		
Nat Lofthouse	Bolton	1952-53	Player	Club	Season
Jimmy Glazzard	Huddersfield	1953-54	Doug Lishman	Arsenal	1951-52
Ronnie Allen	West Brom	1953-54	Jack Rowley	Manchester United	1951-52
Nat Lofthouse	Bolton	1955-56	Eddie Firmani	Charlton	1954-55
Roy Swinbourne	Wolves	1955-56	Alec Govan	Birmingham	1956-57
Gordon Turner	Luton	1957-58	Gordon Turner	Luton	1956-57
Jimmy Greaves	Chelsea	1959-60	Bobby Smith	Spurs	1957-58
Billy McAdams	Manchester City	1959-60	Jimmy Greaves	Spurs	1962-63
Jimmy Robson	Burnley	1960-61	Andy McEvoy	Blackburn	1963-64
Peter Dobing	Manchester City	1961-62	Fred Pickering	Blackburn/Everton	1963-64
Derek Kevan	West Brom	1962-63	Jimmy Greaves	Spurs	1963-64
Denis Law	Manchester Utd	1963-64	SIX		
Willie Irvine	Burnley	1965-66	Jimmy Greaves	Chelsea	1960-61

THERE'S no shortage of footballs in Phil Boyer's household whenever Southampton's goal king fancies a kickabout in the back garden.

Three matchballs have come his way this season . . . lasting reminders of those games where Boyer has collected a hat-trick.

With a hat-trick of League hat-tricks during the season 5ft 8in Boyer stands head and shoulders above every other marksman in the League.

And it's a feat that has only been achieved twice before in the First Division in the last ten years — by Coventry's Mick Ferguson in 1977-78 and old Derby favourite Kevin Hector in 1973-74.

"It's incredible really," Boyer told Match Weekly. "To score one hat-trick is hard enough, but to score three is unbelievable."

"It's definitely been my best season goal-scoring wise," added the man who with 23 goals also topped the goalscoring chart for Division One games.

"I've been working hard on my shooting in training for the last couple of years and now I'm reaping the reward."

"It's the first time I've topped the Division One goalscoring charts but I've always finished

leading scorer for Southampton and that's something that pleases me a lot as well.

"You need a lot of luck to score hat-tricks. But we've created so many chances this year — particularly at home — that it's made my life easier."

"I rate my hat-trick against Crystal Palace as the best of the three because of the quality of the goals."

But it was the Derby hat-trick that stands out most in his mind. For it was the first time he'd scored a hat-trick for the Saints — and it was sealed with his first ever penalty kick.

"I was on my hat-trick so the lads said I could take it. Funnily enough I had to take it twice. I scored with my first attempt to the right of the goal but somebody was in the area so I had to take it again."

"The second one I hit to the left and this time it was OK."

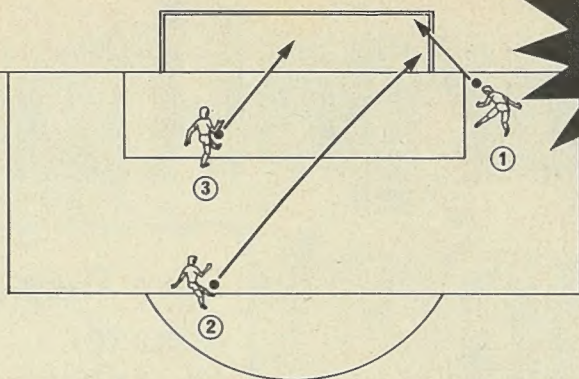
Boyer admitted that having two goals under your belt in a game definitely makes him a more selfish player.

"There's no doubt you're more greedy. But the other players never moan because we're always encouraged to have a pot at goal."

"You're inclined to lay it off to someone else earlier in the game, but when you're on a hat-trick you shoot yourself."



**PHIL  
BOYER**  
talks to Trevor  
Haylett



## V Bristol City (h), April 29, 1980

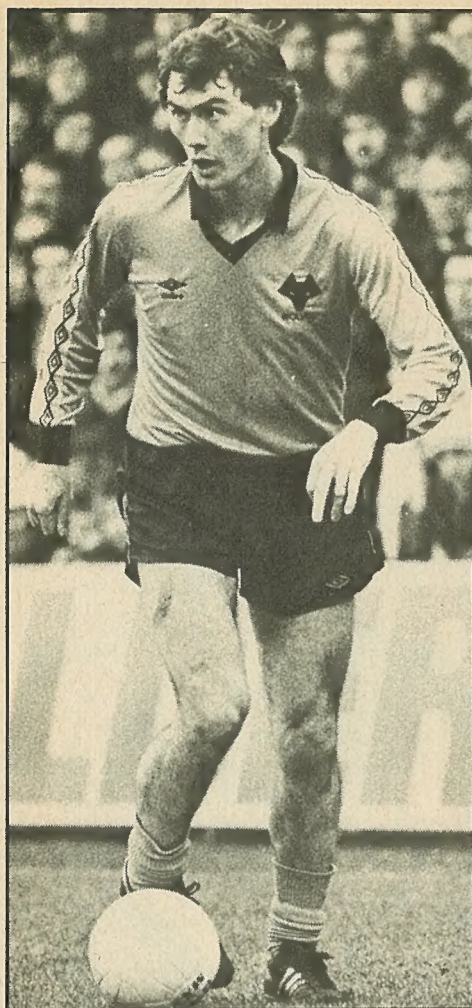
- 1 46 MINS: "Nick Holmes crossed from the left and I headed it into the bottom right corner at the far post."
- 2 52 MINS: "The ball came to me on the edge of the penalty area, it bounced nicely and I scored into the bottom right corner."
- 3 66 MINS: "Ivan Golac shot, the ball came out to me on the six yard line and all I had to do was tap it in."

# BEST!

Phil Boyer lobs goalkeeper John Burridge of Crystal Palace for the second of his three goals against the London side on October 9.







# The forgotten man of Molineux

**Dave Thomas talks to Match Weekly about his hopes for the future**

**TRANSFER-listed Dave Thomas — football's forgotten man after a disastrous six months with Wolves — is eager to rebuild his career with a new club.**

But this summer he must play an anxious waiting game — hoping that someone will come in for his services before the start of next season.

Thomas was a £350,000 transfer from

**LEFT: Dave Thomas — eager to re-build his career with a new club.**

Everton to Wolves last October but he only made about 15 first team appearances. The rest of the time he has either been injured or playing in the reserves and he readily admits:

"There's no doubt that last season was the worst in my career. I couldn't wait for it to finish.

"On reflection the move to Wolves was a bad decision. I've never settled in the area and my family remained in the north.

"It's like everything else. The move seemed a good one at the time. I was very unhappy at Everton and I have no regrets that I moved from there. I didn't think things were right and the season they have had proves the point.

"But it hasn't worked out at Wolves either for various reasons. I'm not the sort of person to have a go and neither is manager John Barnwell and there will be no hard feelings when I leave. I hope we can part on the best of terms.

"I'll take nothing away from Wolves — they've had a marvellous season but it was soul-destroying for me playing in the reserves and I've never been niggled by injury so much. I really just want to forget last season."

Looking to the future and hopes of a fresh start Thomas believes he can still do a good job in the First Division:

"I'm only 29 — there's a few more years in the legs yet. I've still got confidence in my ability.

"It's now a matter of keeping my fingers crossed that I can get fixed up as quickly as possible."

Manager John Barnwell is certain to want something approaching the fee he paid for Thomas before he lets him go and the player himself would like to move to a club in the North.

"I'm not worried about my future. All the worrying in the world won't do any good but it is an uncertain time and I'd like to get things sorted out quickly as much for my wife's sake as anything.

"I would prefer to play for a club in the North or North East but things don't always work out like you want them to — the main thing is to get back to playing regular first team football again."

Thomas could begin the next stage of his career as a midfielder player rather than as an out and out wide man for which he is better known.

He told Match: "I've been playing in a midfield role in the reserves and I've really enjoyed it."

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# 'MY LIFE STORY'

## How a tennis ball helped an Essex schoolboy reach the top.

I fly out to Italy on Tuesday for the biggest event of my international career. And it's hard to believe that my football world used to revolve around a threadbare tennis ball in the back garden.

That tennis ball was my best friend as a young lad. Every spare moment I had I'd nip outside and practice keeping it up in the the air or banging it against the wall.

I had a fair way to walk to junior school and as we left home brother Tony and I would slip the ball into our bags and pass it between ourselves as we ran along.

When Tony left the school, I ran along by myself kicking it against the garden fences. I realise now how invaluable this was to polish up my close control and appreciate angles.

Even before I reached the age of ten I'd learned to play the ball off the fence at the right angle so it would bounce back into my stride.

I was born in Barking, Essex, on October 2 1948. My 'home ground' was 152 Salisbury Avenue, an ordinary three-up, two down terrace house.

Home life was very happy and we were a close-knit family.

Dad was a policeman and mum worked part-time in a Christmas cracker factory to provide the little things we couldn't otherwise afford.

It wasn't a strict upbringing but brother Tony and I knew where we stood. We respected our parents and it never crossed our minds to misbehave.

The family were keen on all sports and it's to my father that all the thanks must go for my success in football.

He was a regular in the police team and made his name as an aggressive centre-half. In fact, when I met other policemen they used to roll up their trousers to reveal the scars he left behind!

His best years coincided with World War Two and that probably prevented him from turning professional.

So, as compensation, he worked hard to make me as good a player as possible. Police hours were awkward but when he had a spare moment he'd take Tony and I out for a kick around.

It will surprise readers to learn that I'm naturally right-footed — and it was only my dad's insistence that I work on my other foot that turned me into a left-sided player.

**NOW TURN TO PAGES 8 AND 9**







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# already tipped gland!

sixth form.

I wasn't a brilliant student but I wasn't bad at school work. I never had any idea what I would do after school although the prospect of going to Loughborough College and training to be a PE teacher had crossed my mind.

Moving to Ilford High School took me to a different area of Essex and I played representative football for Ilford Boys but I was fortunate to get into the side in the early days.

The man in charge wanted me to play as a wing-half because I was much bigger than the other lads.

I wasn't too disappointed at dropping back from my forward role because at least it meant I was playing and it also gave me an insight into another part of the game.

But it was at full-back where I first got into the side. I had a bad game in the first trial, missed the second through injury and only played in the third trial because there was no other right back.

As it turned out I had only the one game at right-back before reverting to the wing-

half role.

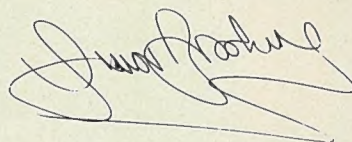
I stayed there all through the Ilford representative teams and came through the various trials to get into the England Schoolboys squad at Under-15.

I was really only a fringe member of the 16-man squad and played just the one game at the end of the season — against West Germany at Wembley.

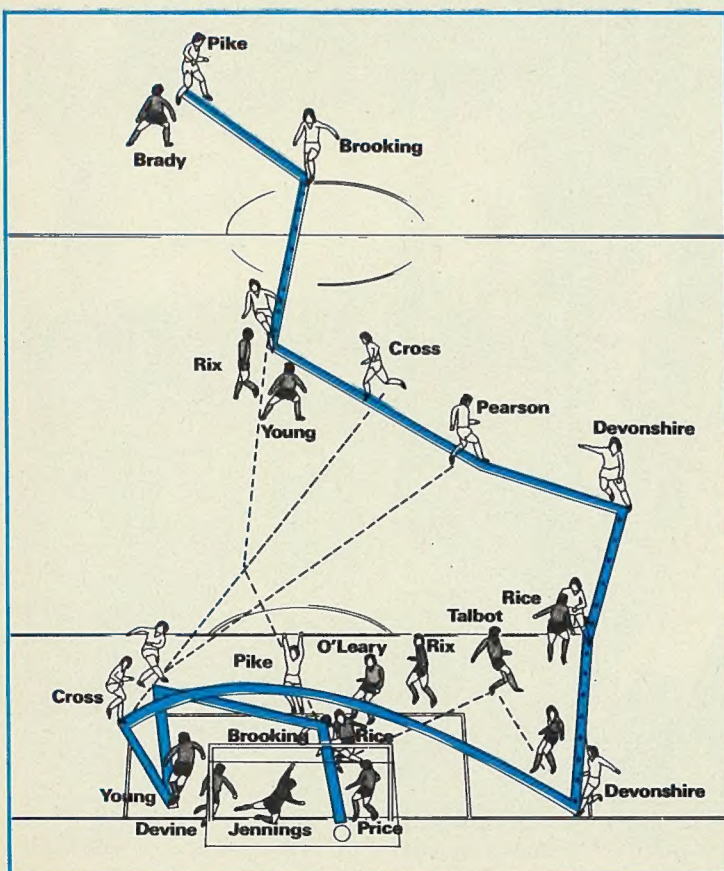
I sat out the Scotland fixture — which was a double disappointment as it also coincided with West Ham's FA

Cup victory, as I explained earlier.

NEXT WEEK I'll tell you why I settled for West Ham, and give you my views on Tommy Docherty who tried to sign me for Chelsea.




Here I am with the Ilford Boys team after winning an inter-district championship. That's me on the right struggling with the shield.



## That Wembley header

THE goal that won the FA Cup for West Ham set Trevor Brooking a poser. When was the last time he scored with his head?

For the most amazing part of the Wembley game was that the winning goal came via the head of the man who's normally famed only for his twinkling feet and superb ground skills.

"The lads reaction as they came up to congratulate me varied from 'terrific' to 'what are you doing scoring with your head'.

"I was in on the move from the beginning and moved into the penalty area to give Alan Devonshire room when he had the ball wide.

"When Stuart Pearson shot I was so close I knew I only had to get a touch to it to guide it into goal.

"It was my first headed goal for three years — the last was in the semi-final of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

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# England v



Ray Wilkins starts another England attack against N. Ireland in the recent Home International at Wembley.

**ENGLAND** catch a flight to Italy on Tuesday hoping it will propel them out of the international wilderness and into the forefront of world soccer.

Our national side has won nothing of substance since we qualified for the European Championships in Belgium in 1972.

But now, thanks to Ron Greenwood and a new era of highly-skilled performers, our national team is once again being hailed alongside the world greats.

The 1980 European Championships which kick-off on Wednesday are England's opportunity to write off the last eight years.

How will they fare? Who are the dangers? In Match Weekly's 9-page preview to the Championships we talk to the in-form Ray Wilkins about England's chances. Brian Flynn, a member of the Welsh team knocked out of the competition by West Germany, talks about the big German threat; and George Burley of Scotland, who lost out in their group to Belgium, gives his view. We've also got the opinion of Gerry Armstrong whose country, N. Ireland, were in England's qualifying group.

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## Woodcock and Keegan hold the key — Gerry Armstrong

THE Home Internationals have demonstrated just how badly England need Keegan and Woodcock — and they'll hold the key to success in Italy.

That's the view of Tottenham and Northern Ireland striker Gerry Armstrong who saw England splutter to a 1-1 draw with his side at Wembley.

"I didn't think before the championships that England relied on them so much but I now realise what a big part they play," Armstrong told Match Weekly.

"With these two in the side England have the players to win it. It's just a question of getting the right combination.

"England also suffered through playing a number of different players in the Home Internationals — but Ron Greenwood had to sort out his best team.

"I think a few of the established players also had their minds on Italy — knowing they were assured of a place.

"I do fancy England for the championships — but you can't ignore Italy. Whoever wins their game in Turin will win the Championship.

"West Germany and Holland won't be as strong as they have been in recent years.

"West Germany play good football but they're interested in all our good players and there must be a reason for that.

"The English players have the edge over them in drive. The Germans like busy players who go forward — that's why they were keen to sign Keegan and Woodcock."

## George Burley

THE difference between England and the rest of the European teams is their wealth of front runners — all with electrifying pace.

That's the reason Ipswich and Scotland defender George Burley is tipping England to go through to the final from group two.

"England have the players to do it — especially up front. If they put it together they'll be too strong for the other teams in the group."

Burley adds cautiously though that you cannot discount the two teams being written off in other quarters as 'also-rans' — particularly Belgium.

It was Belgium who triumphed from Scotland's qualifying group.



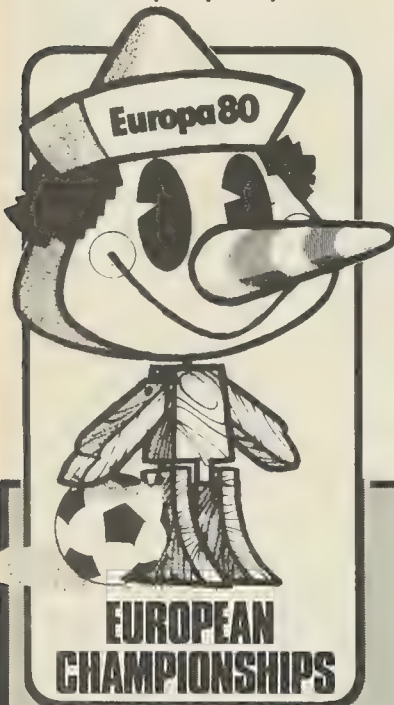
# W. Germany in the final

RAY Wilkins is currently enjoying his best spell in an England shirt. And the reason is simply . . . confidence.

The Manchester United star says that confidence is the most important part of a player's game — and at the moment he's got bags of the stuff.

And that confidence also extends to England's chances in Italy, says Wilkins. "I'm not one for making predictions but I think we've got a really good chance. There's no reason we can't go all the way.

"We had a pretty sticky time



LITTLE Welsh dynamo Brian Flynn rates West Germany as one of the best international sides he's played against — so it's not surprising that they win his vote as likely winners in Italy.

Flynn was a member of the Welsh team on the end of a 5-1 thrashing in West Germany in the European Championship qualifying rounds.

But the Leeds midfield star says England stand a good chance.

## says Ray Wilkins

during the Home Internationals but I think that will all be forgotten by the time we play our first game."

Wilkins, who has become such an influential 'anchor-man' in England's midfield, regards every team in Italy as a threat to England's chances of bringing home the trophy — but believes the Dutch, West Germans and Italy are the teams to beat.

"The bribes scandal couldn't have come at a worse time for Italy and they'll obviously miss the banned players," Wilkins added. "But who knows, it might inspire them to fight even harder.

"Our victory in Spain recently must give us a psychological advantage. But I don't feel that the side we faced that night will be the same one that we'll meet this time.

"I know less about Belgium but they seem to be similar to us in that they pack their midfield. They've done well to qualify and don't forget they beat Scotland 3-1 at Hampden."

If England qualify from Group Two Wilkins expects to face

West Germany in the final. "West Germany have always been a strong team — possibly the strongest in Europe.

"But we did very well in Munich in 1978, even though we got beaten, and we'd have no fears facing them if we got to that stage."

With England entering their first major tournament for eight years many hopes rest on the shoulders of Ron Greenwood's men. And Wilkins says the team are feeling the pressure of those tipping them to win.

"Before it was just the English saying we were good enough to win. Now the foreigners are saying it as well. We've just got to keep our feet on the ground and go out and do the business.

"I've been very pleased with my own performances for England recently and I think this has a lot to do with the relaxing atmosphere in the England squad. It's very similar to the atmosphere at United.

"I'm full of confidence at the moment and that's a major part of a player's game."

## Germans don't have a weakness

"They were a big disappointment against us in the Home Internationals, though I don't think we were given enough credit for that," he said.

"England know that the internationals at the end of the season can spring a few surprises so it's not going to affect their confidence for Italy.

"You can't dismiss Italy or Holland either. They're two great sides."

But it's West Germany who will hold the key, according to Flynn.

"They haven't got a

## Brian Flynn talks to Match Weekly

weakness," Flynn said. "They are a good all-round side and the fact that two defenders scored against us in Cologne bears that out.

"Manny Kaltz at right back is world class and Rummenigge is strong in attack. They can switch roles very easily as well. Sometimes the midfield will spend ten minutes up front while the strikers drop back."

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## The road to Italy

Group 1							
	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
England	8	7	1	0	22	5	15
N Ireland	8	4	1	3	8	14	9
Eire	8	2	3	4	9	8	7
Bulgaria	8	2	1	5	6	14	5
Denmark	8	1	2	5	13	17	4
Group 2							
	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Belgium	8	4	4	0	12	5	12
Austria	8	4	3	1	14	7	11
Portugal	8	4	1	3	10	10	9
Scotland	8	3	1	4	14	13	7
Norway	8	0	1	7	5	20	1
Group 3							
	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Spain	6	4	1	1	13	5	9
Yugoslavia	6	4	0	2	14	6	8
Rumania	6	2	2	2	9	8	6
Cyprus	6	0	1	5	2	18	1
Group 4							
	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Holland	8	6	1	1	20	6	13
Poland	8	5	2	1	13	4	12
E Germany	8	5	1	2	18	11	11
Switzerland	8	2	0	6	7	18	4
Iceland	8	0	0	8	2	21	0
Group 5							
	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Czech'a	6	5	0	1	17	4	10
France	6	4	1	1	13	7	9
Sweden	6	1	2	3	9	13	4
Luxembourg	6	0	1	5	2	17	1
Group 6							
	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
Greece	6	3	1	2	13	7	7
Hungary	6	2	2	2	9	9	6
Finland	6	2	2	2	10	15	6
Russia	6	1	3	2	7	8	5
Group 7							
	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Pts
W Germany	6	4	2	0	15	1	10
Turkey	6	3	1	2	5	5	7
Wales	6	3	0	3	11	8	6
Malta	6	0	1	5	2	19	1

# ROAR



Kevin Keegan . . . hot-footing it to Italy and leading England's title challenge.

## Big name TV shoot-out



Trevor Francis . . . injury rules him out of the action — but joins the ITV experts.

LAWRIE McMenemy and Lou Macari v Ian St John and Trevor Francis that's the big name shoot-out as the TV companies battle for viewers during the championships.

McMenemy and Macari have been signed up by BBC to join Jimmy Hill on the London panel in a link with on the spot analysts Bob Wilson and Bobby Charlton in Italy. Heading the ITV home crew with Francis and St John will be Dickie Davies, with expert comments coming from Terry Venables and Ron Atkinson at the big games.

Tuesday, June 10: ITV — 9.30-10: Preview BBC1: 10.20-10.50: Preview.

Wednesday June 11: ITV — 4.25-6.45: Czechoslovakia v W. Germany (live). 11.00-11.45: Highlights Greece v Holland. BBC1 — 10.30-11.40: Highlights of both of day's games.

Thursday, June 12: BBC1 — 4.35-6.45: Belgium v England (live). 10.15-11.05 Highlights of Belgium v England, Spain v Italy. ITV — 7.30: Spain v Italy (live) plus highlights of Belgium v England.

Saturday, June 14: ITV — 7.15-9.30:

Czechoslovakia v Greece (live) plus highlights of W. Germany v Holland.

Sunday, June 15: ITV — 2.30-3: Preview. 7.15-9.30 Italy v England (live). 11.30-12: Highlights, Spain v Belgium. BBC1 — 11.05-12.05 Highlights Spain v Belgium, Italy v England.

Tuesday, June 17: BBC2 — 4.35-6.40: Czechoslovakia v Holland (live). BBC1 — 10.15-11.15: Highlights.

ITV — 7.30: W. Germany v Greece (live) plus highlights of Czechoslovakia v Holland.

Wednesday, June 18: ITV — 4.25-6.45: Spain v England (live). 11-11.45 Highlights of Spain v England, Italy v Belgium. BBC1: 6.55-9.30 — Italy v Belgium (live) plus highlights of Spain v England.

Saturday, June 21: ITV: 20 minutes preview in World of Sport. BBC1 — 7.20-9.40: Third place play-off (live). Sunday, June 22: ITV — 4.45-5.15: Preview of the final. 7.15-9.30: Final (live). 11.30 to 12 Highlights if England involved. BBC1: 7.15-9.35 Final (live).

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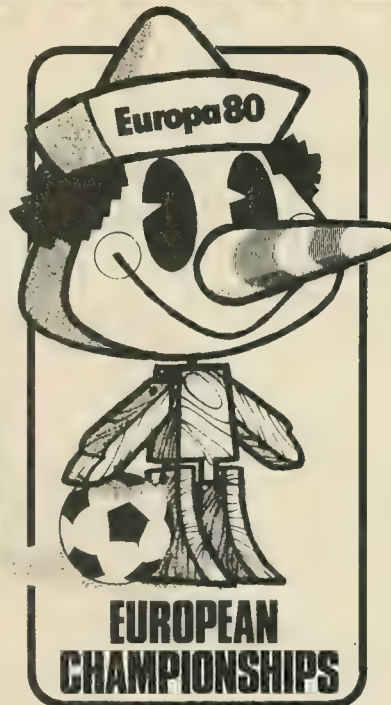
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## BELGIUM

Belgium enjoyed a 66 per cent success rate during 1979. The team members were on a reputed £1,600 per man to beat Scotland in the last game listed ... courtesy of the Belgian FA.

Results during 1979

Belgium v Austria	drew 1-1
Austria v Belgium	drew 0-0
Norway v Belgium	won 2-1
Holland v Belgium	lost 1-0
Belgium v Portugal	won 2-0
Belgium v Scotland	won 2-0
Scotland v Belgium	won 3-1

Summary: Played seven, won four, drawn two, lost one. Goals for 10, goals against 4.

● Goalkeepers

**THEO CUSTERS** — Age 30. 12 caps. Plays for Royal FC Antwerp. Uncapped before previous manager took over.

**JEAN MARIE PFAFF** — Age 27. 13 caps. An amateur but he played a vital role in Beverens winning the Belgian championship two years ago.

● Defenders

**ERIC GERETS** — Age 25. 24 caps. Right back who plays for Standard Liege.

**LUC MILLECAMPS** — Age 28. Ten caps. Centre back and stopper who plays for Waregem.

**WALTER MEEUWS** — Age 28. 21 caps. Plays for FC Bruges, the new champions, in a covering role.

**MICHEL RENQUIN** — Age 24. 28 caps. Left back who plays for Standard Liege.

● Midfield

**MAURICE MARTENS** — Age 32. 30 caps. Formerly a left back who 'kicked'. Played for all the top clubs but now with RWDM of Brussels. Defensive role.

**WILFRED VAN MOER** — Age 34. 43 caps. Had not been capped for four years until last Autumn. He's the big general and engine room. Plays for Beringen.

**LUDO COECK** — Age 24. Plays for Anderlecht. 21 caps.

**JULIEN COOLS** — Age 32. 31 caps. A brilliant ball player who starred for Bruges for years and played against Liverpool at Wembley in the European Cup Final. Now plays for Beerschot.

**RENE VERHEYEN** — Age 27. 14 caps. Extremely good midfielder who plays for Lokeren.

**ERWIN VAN DEN BERGH** — Age 21. Six caps. Big player but also very quick. Top scorer in Europe with 37 goals including six in one game. Plays for Lierse SK.

**FRANCOIS VAN DER ELST** — Age 25. 31 caps. Scored against West Ham in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final. Now with Anderlecht but soon moving to Cosmos in America.

**JAN CEULEMANS** — Age 23. 14 caps. Regular scorer for Bruges.

## ITALY

Italy had a 70 per cent success rate during 1979. Four out of five of their games were at home.

Results during 1979

Italy v Holland	won 3-0
Italy v Argentina	drew 2-2
Yugoslavia v Italy	lost 4-1
Italy v Sweden	won 1-0
Italy v Switzerland	won 2-0

Summary: Played five, won three, drawn one, lost one. Goals for 9, goals against 6.

● Goalkeepers

**DINO ZOFF** — Age 38. 81 caps. Played in European

Championship when Italy won it in 1968. Keeper of tremendous experience. Plays for Juventus.  
**IVANO BORDON** — Age 28. Four full caps but has come on as a second half substitute for Zoff several times. Plays for Inter Milan.



# on England's Group opponents in Italy

# HAVE TO BEAT

● **Defenders**  
**CLAUDIO GENTILE** — Age 26. 36 caps. A right back who made his debut for Juventus at 19.  
**ANTONIO CABRINI** — Age 23. 19 caps. Centre back but attacks consistently. Plays for Juventus.  
**GAETANO SCIREA** — Age 26. 29 caps. Another Juventus player. Started out as a midfielder but switched to a sweeper role. Good in the air.  
**FULVIO COLLOVATI** — Age 22. 11 caps. Plays for the now relegated AC Milan but still a left back of top class stature.

● **Midfield**  
**MARCO TARDELLI** — Age 25. 37 caps. Cost Juventus £700,000 five years ago which is an indication of his value today.  
**GIANCARLO ANTOGNONI** — Age 25. 44 caps. The big general with his club Fiorentina. Great left foot and brilliant with free kicks and penalties.  
**GABRIELE ORIALI** — Age 27. 11 caps. Formerly a favourite substitute but has been a regular recently. Plays for Inter Milan.  
**ALDO MALDERA** — Age 26. Ten caps. Midfield player with AC Milan who may be drafted in.

● **Forwards**  
**FRANCO CAUSIO** — Age 32. 51 caps. Normally an outside right but he does work both wings. Usually a provider for Bettenga but he does get goals himself. Another Juventus player.  
**ROBERTO BETTEGA** — Age 29. 33 caps. Not had too good a season in Italy for him but he's

got a great left foot and he's brilliant in the air.  
**FRANCESCO GRAZIANI** — Age 27. 35 caps. Almost certain to fill the gap left by the suspended Paulo Rossi. Captain of his club Torino. He has enjoyed a good season.  
**ALESSANDRO ALTOBELLI** — Age 26. No caps. Favourite with the fans and sports writers in Italy so could well get his first cap. Plays for Inter Milan.

## SPAIN

Spain's success rate during 1979 was only 33 per cent and of course they lost 2-0 to England on their own ground this year.

### Results during 1979

Czechoslovakia v Spain	lost 1-0
Rumania v Spain	drew 2-2
Spain v Portugal	drew 1-1
Spain v Yugoslavia	lost 1-0
Spain v Denmark	lost 3-1
Cyprus v Spain	won 3-1

Summary: Played six, won one, drawn two, lost three. Goals for 7, goals against 9.

### ● Goalkeepers

**ARCONADA** — Age 25. 16 caps. Favourite for the spot between the sticks because his side — Real Sociedad — have done so well this season. Good on crosses.

### ● Defenders

**GORDILLO** — Age 23. Six caps. Plays for Real Sociedad and only came on to the international scene recently. Right back.  
**ALESANCO** — Age 24. 11 caps.

Centre back who plays for Athletic Bilbao.  
**MIGUELI** — Age 28. 28 caps. Captain of the side. Good in the air, he plays for Barcelona. Scored in Spain's most recent game against Czechoslovakia.  
**URIA** — Age 30. 13 caps. Steady influence at the back, he plays for Sporting Gijon.  
**CELAYETA** — Age 25. Two caps. Little international experience and unlikely to be a first choice. Plays for Real Sociedad.  
**OLMO** — Age 26. 12 caps. Plays for Barcelona and therefore would have a good understanding with Migueli if they both play. Centre back.

### ● Midfield

**MESA** — Age 23. Two caps. Right sided player with Sporting Gijon.  
**SAURA** — Age 25. Six caps. Skipper of the Valencia side that beat Arsenal in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final. Hard working and always likely to score.  
**DEL BOSQUE** — Age 29. 17 caps. Recently got his first cap for a couple of years. Plays for Real Madrid.  
**ZAMORA** — Age 25. Six caps. Real Sociedad player who looks to have established a regular place in the side.  
**ASENSI** — Age 30. 38 caps. Captain and big brain of Barcelona and will almost certainly be in the side if he's fit.  
**SANTILLANA** — Age 27. 22 caps. Top scorer in Spain's European Championship games so far with



Luis Arconada — the Spanish goalkeeper faced with the task of keeping out England's strikeforce.

four goals. Plays for Real Madrid.  
**JUANITO** — Age 25. 14 caps. Another Real Madrid player and while he may not score many goals he is very skilful.  
**DANI** — Age 29. 19 caps. Proved to be a regular scorer of goals for Spain over the years. Plays for Athletic Bilbao.  
**QUINI** — Age 30. 28 caps. Scored for Spain in their last match. Plays for Sporting Gijon.

# ROSSI OUT!

ITALY'S great Totonero bribery scandal has robbed the European Championship of one of its finest players.

Paulo Rossi, Italy's £3 million super star centre forward, one of the players involved in the illegal betting and bribery racket will be missing — banned from football for three years.

The elegant striker is one of ten players suspended by the Italian Football Federation disciplinary committee and one of 33 players expected to face charges.

AC Milan, Italian champions seven times including 1979 and twice European Cup

winners, has been banned to Division 2 for the first time in its 82 year history.

And there could be more bans to come — with Enzo Bearzot's Italian team plans threatened by investigations into Juventus, the club that supplies the backbone of his team.

It all began when Italian newspapers revealed that matches were being fixed. Now most of the players involved have been arrested and many punished, with ten players banned for periods ranging from eighteen months to life, resulting in a loss of confidence and moral in the Italy squad.

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# Fatigue! It's my on



A SEVEN letter word that could stand between England and winning the European Championships in Rome — fatigue.

With my hand on my head as much as my heart I say that we've got a great chance of going to Italy and winning.

But my one reservation, my one niggling doubt, is whether the players carrying our hopes will not have worn themselves out after a long and arduous season at home.

I can really only speak for my own players and I'm telling you they are shattered. I looked at some of them at the end of our League season and even a blind man could have told you they were in need of a rest.

I glanced at the likes of Gary Birtles and began to realise how much he had put into the last nine months. It was showing on him . . . and others.

And when you consider the number of games we've played,

it's little wonder that there must be certain doubts about the staying power of the England players.

The problem was on my mind when I took our first team squad off to Majorca for a week to get our feet up before the European Cup Final. I don't really know if it was the best move, but what I do know is they needed a rest.

And although it's not for me to comment on the state of fitness within other clubs, it stands to reason that the Arsenal players had given their best before they got round to facing West Ham in the FA Cup Final and then Valencia in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final.

Playing 60 or 70 games a season is becoming the rule rather than the exception for our top clubs — and when we suffer it's inevitable that England suffer also.

Our problems at club level are bound to filter through to Ron Greenwood and I just hope for his sake and for England's that

# about

the little break some of his players have had since the end of the Home Internationals has enabled some of the tiredness to leave those aching limbs.

I'm certain that the Germans, the Italians and all other countries participating in the European Championships will not have had to overcome the physical demands placed on the England players.

But providing they have recovered from their exhausting efforts, I honestly see no reason why England should not make a major impact in Italy.

I know we've won nothing yet



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# Don't worry about England

— a point that Ron Greenwood himself has been at pains to stress — but there is no doubt that he has made important strides since taking over the England management.

I wouldn't have done things a lot differently had the FA in their wisdom offered me the job. Ron has got together a winning side and that was the first priority after England's all too familiar failures of previous years.

There's nothing finer than

success — no matter at what level — to create a healthy atmosphere within a squad. And that's just what has happened. I can't remember a time when players were so keen to play for their country.

I know how disappointed, for example, Trevor Francis was to miss the European Cup Final through injury. But I also know how upset he was at having to miss out on going to Italy.

*Brian Clough*



## Zoff joins the greats

ITALY's goalkeeper (above), Dino Zoff, recently joined the all-time greats of Italian soccer when he bet Facchetti's record of 477 appearances in the Italian First Division.

But he is still trailing behind Piola (566), Albertosi (532), Rivera (527), Ferraris (506) and Burgnich (495).

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ACCORDING to a survey by a German magazine, Franz Beckenbauer is still the country's biggest star personality although he now plays soccer in America. The survey put Franz as super-star ahead of Romy

Schneider, Curt Jurgens, Karajan and Helmut Schmidt . . .

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CARLOS Bianchi, Strasbourg's Argentine stopper, has moved back to his original Buenos Aires club, Velez Sarsfield.

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WIM Jansen, the veteran midfielder of Feyenoord and Holland, has signed a contract for the Los Angeles Aztecs in the North American Soccer League.

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LASZLO Fazekas, captain of crack Hungarian team Ujpest Dozsa, has obtained permission from the Hungarian Federation to play abroad. Favourite destinations are Belgium, Holland and England.

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DUTCH international winger Robbie Rensenbrink has joined Portland Timbers in the American League. Aged 31, he won 48 caps for his country. He is the sort of player to bring success to Timbers. Certainly, he still has plenty of skill.

## It'll be tough for Liverpool

ENGLISH champions Liverpool can expect tough opposition next year as they go for their third European Cup win.

Spain will be represented once more by Real Madrid, champions for the 20th time after a narrow title win ahead of unlucky Real Sociedad.

Poor Sociedad lost only one League game in 34 all season — but that was enough to give Madrid the title by a point.

Italy, if their season gets underway after the bribery scandal, will be represented by Inter Milan, another great club with a fine European pedigree —

even though they will be sharing San Siro next year with a Second Division side.

Nantes clinched the French League with a vital win on the last day of the season, 1-0 at Olympique Marseilles. It was their second title in four years.

## AJAX RETAIN THEIR TITLE

In Holland, Ajax retained the title despite inconsistent form. But next year, without the great Rudi Krol to inspire them, it may be too much for them to reach the semi-final again.

Dynamo Berlin won the East German League and could cause some surprises next year — but the strongest threat will come from West Germany's champions, either Bayern Munich or Kevin Keegan's Hamburg.

## Pereira on his way home

BRAZILIAN club Palmeiras, one of the South American country's leading clubs, could be signing the giant Atletico Madrid defender Luiz Pereira.

According to reports, the former Brazilian international could be on his way home at the end of the current season — despite having another year of his contract to run.



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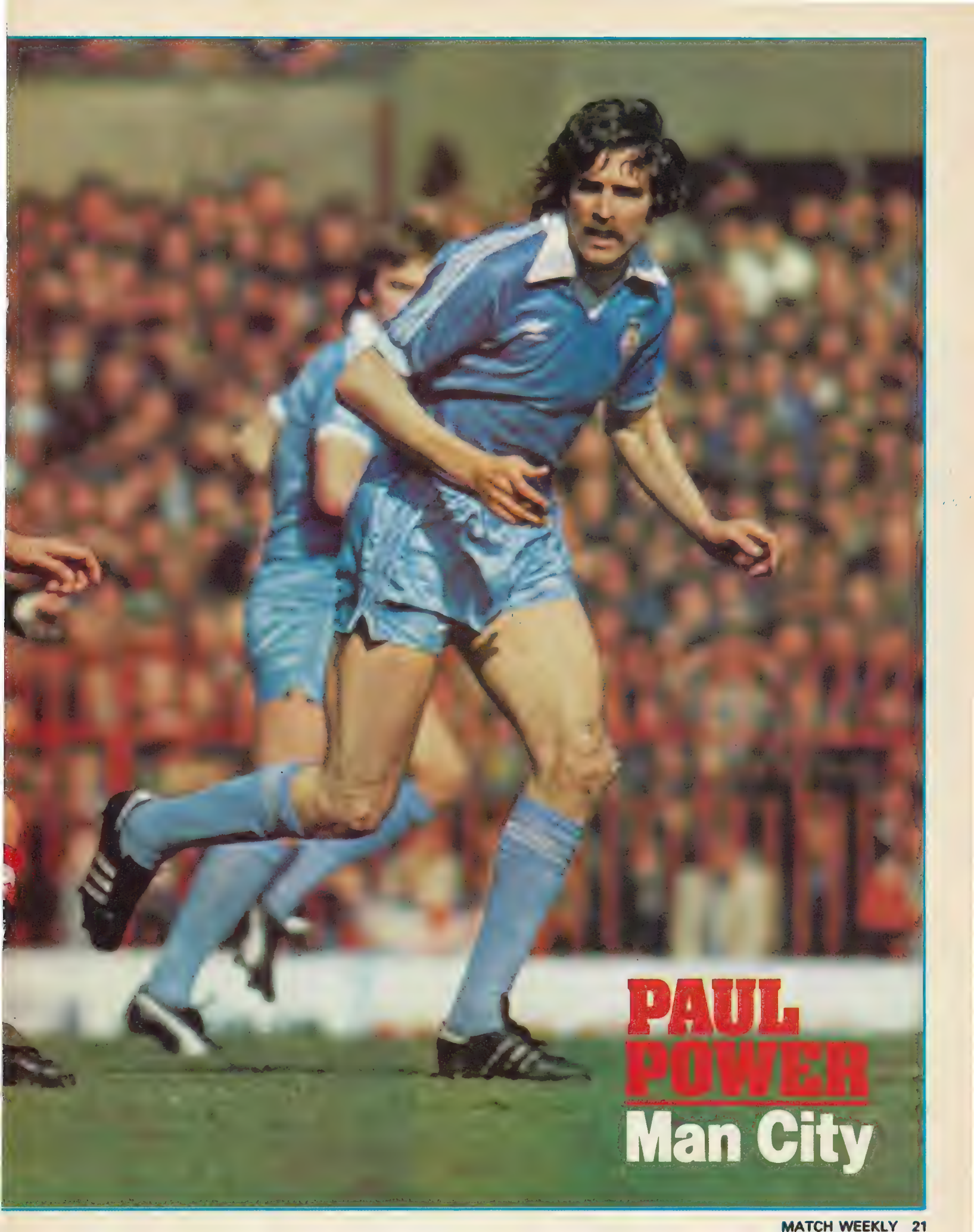
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## Carr's dream season



**WILLIE Carr's** nomination as Wolverhampton Wanderers' player-of-the-year put the seal on a season when it all came right for him both on and off the field.

Carr realised his dream of playing at Wembley, picked up a winners medal at the end of the League Cup Final and soon after his wife presented him with a baby girl as sister to their three sons.

"The supporters award was very pleasing," Carr told Match Weekly. "It's nice to be appreciated by the fans. It's the first time I've won it at Wolves although I won a similar award when I was with Coventry."

Carr says it's definitely been his best season at Molineux... and thanks manager John Barnwell and assistant Richie Barker for that.

"They've got us organised and the way they like to play it in midfield — closing people down — has helped my game."

"The only disappointment is that I missed the last two games with an ankle injury."

IT'S COMMON knowledge that Liverpool's Terry McDermott collected the double honour of 'Footballer of the Year' and 'Player of the Year' — but who won the individual club prizes?

Who did supporters vote their team's best player during the long, hard season?

Match Weekly has compiled a table of the First Division winners and overleaf we name the Second Division winners. Next week we'll bring you the Third and Fourth Division heroes.

The list is not always complete. Some clubs have still to decide and some have more than one winner.

Liverpool, amazingly, don't run a competition. Perhaps they feel their players win enough during a season anyway.

## Foster aims for an England place

AS YOUNG Brighton centre-half Steve Foster puts his feet up during the close season he must have to pinch himself now and again to make sure he's not dreaming.

For his rise from the Fourth Division to the First and to the verge of England honours is one of the season's success stories.

And then to cap it all was his award as Brighton's player-of-the-season.

Brighton manager Alan Mullery took a £150,000 gamble on the Portsmouth central defender and watched him pay so many dividends that he now rates him the most outstanding centre-half in the country.

The player himself is surprised at the progress he's made this season — but naturally delighted as well. "To think last year I was going to places like Crewe and Hartlepool and now here I am at Old Trafford and Anfield."

"I've got a lot to thank my old Pompey boss Frank Burrows for. When he took over he calmed me down. Before I used to kick everything that moved and would regularly clock up 39 penalty points a season."



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# ps Dodd point!

ALAN DODD started the season in dispute with Stoke City — and ended it as the club's player-of-the-year.

He says the early problems were part of the reason why he did so well . . . he felt he had something to prove to manager Alan Durban and went out doubly determined to do well.

"I played in midfield and at full-back last season, but I felt I had to do that to help the team in their promotion push.

"This season I had to look after myself and if I couldn't get a regular place in my natural position as sweeper then I

decided to get away.

"But I got into the side after missing the first few games and never looked back. I felt I had to prove I could do a good job in the First Division and it worked.

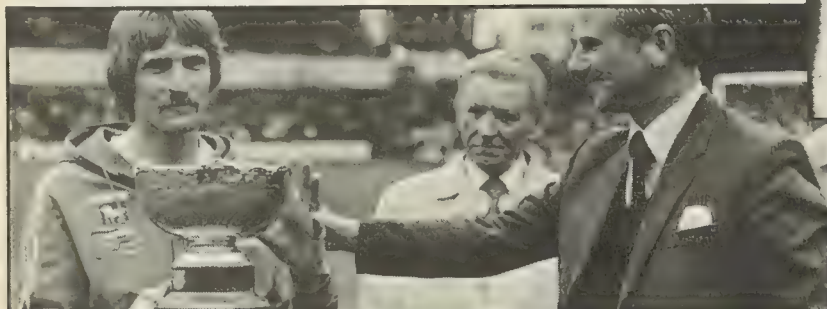
"I was lucky with regard to injuries last season but I've only missed about a couple of games through injury in the whole of my Stoke career.

"It was certainly nice to end the season by winning the player-of-the-year trophy."

Despite last season's success there is still doubt about Dodd's future. He hasn't yet signed a new contract with the 'Potters'.



Above: Alan Dodd shows the determination that brought him the award for Stoke.



Left: Frans Thijssen receives a silver bowl from Ipswich chairman Patrick Cobbold after being voted player-of-the-year. He keeps the award in Dutch hands — Arnold Muhren won it last season.

## FIRST DIVISION WINNERS 79/80

Club	Player	This season		Club career		Prize
		Pl	Goals	Pl	Goals	
Arsenal	Liam Brady	34	7	227 + 8	43	Shield and carriage clock
Bolton	Neil Whatmore	40 + 1 as sub	16	226 + 15	88	Trophy
Brighton	Steve Foster	38	1	38	1	Trophy and colour TV
Bristol City	Geoff Merrick	40	1	342 + 5	10	Trophy and tankard
Coventry	Gary Gillespie	38	1	52 + 1	1	Trophy and Talbot car for 12 months for winning local garage fair play competition
Crystal Palace	Paul Hinshelwood	42	2	171 + 5	13	Trophy and holiday in Malta
Derby	Steve Buckley	42	0	102	5	Trophy
Ipswich	Frans Thijssen	37	2	53	3	Silver bowl and £250 voucher from Tesco for winning most 'man of the match' awards
Leeds	Terry Connor	20 + 3	6	20 + 3	6	Trophy
Manchester City	Joe Corrigan	42	0	375	0	Trophy
Middlesbrough	David Armstrong	42	13	318 + 2	53	Trophy
Norwich	Kevin Bond	40	9	109 + 5	11	Trophy and Renault 18TS for 12 months for winning local garage fair play competition
Nottingham Forest	Larry Lloyd	40	3	128	6	Shield
Southampton	Phil Boyer	42	24	125	48	Trophy
Stoke	Alan Dodd	36	1	266 + 5	2	Trophy and Cap as London branch supporters' player of the year
Wolves	Willie Carr	40	4	189 + 3	23	Silver boot

\* Everton and Manchester United results will be announced later.

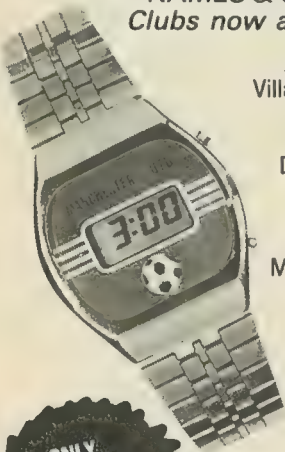


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## Honour was a shock for Clive

NO-ONE was more surprised than Clive Allen when he was presented with the trophy as QPR's player-of-the-season.

For despite a superb start to his Football League career — 27 goals in 39 league games — he was convinced that the fans would vote for a more established player.

"It's a really great honour, especially as it comes in my first season," Allen told Match Weekly. "Winning an award like this means that the supporters have noticed you during the season."

Loftus Road fans could hardly fail to notice their free-scoring striker. He struck up a superb partnership in attack with Paul Goddard and their goals contributed so much to QPR's successful season.

Why has it gone so well for him? "It's difficult to pinpoint the main reason," Allen added. "I really enjoyed it last season and that helped."

"My main aim at the start was to get a regular place and as the goals went in I set myself higher targets. For that reason I never became complacent."

"It was our own fault that we didn't get promotion. We weren't consistent enough at home and dropped too many points."

"But we are determined to learn from our mistakes and hopefully we can make amends next season."

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DAVID GILES of Swansea was another to make a big impression in his first season.

The move from Wrexham was the turning point for the man dubbed the 'second Kevin Keegan' after his looks and manner of play. Giles also won a place in the Welsh team for the Home Internationals.

A '100 per cent improvement in the team's play' is one of the reasons why David Moss has been such a success for Luton this season.

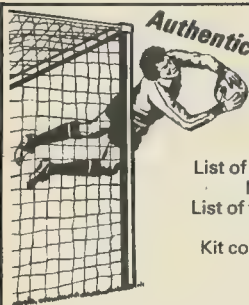
"I also recovered from the pelvic strain that affected me the previous season and this helped me a lot," Moss said.

"I got six or seven goals in the first few games and getting such a good start is always a boost for a striker."

"I scored 24 goals in all — one more than my previous best. I don't know why I've done so well

## Tunks trophy

ROY Tunks was the natural choice as Preston North End's player-of-the-season. For the goalkeeper has enjoyed a marvellous term and dominated Match Weekly's first two Second Division 'Matchman of the Month' awards. He is pictured left with the January award. Roy wins the 'Tom Finney' trophy — donated in honour of Preston's most famous son.



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## But Moss gets his reward

— I think it's just a matter of being in the right place at the right time.

"I'm thrilled to bits with the player-of-the-year award — especially as it was only my second season with the club.

"I won a similar award at Swindon but it was done through a local newspaper. Luton's is presented by the 'Century Club' who are real fanatics. They're the lifeblood of

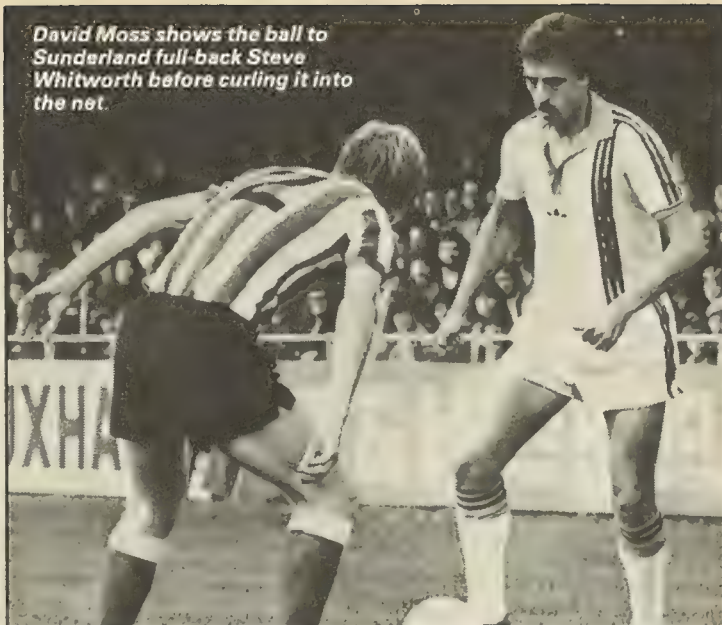
the club."

Moss' fine season ended in double heartache when the side missed out on promotion and an ankle injury prevented him playing in every game.

"I think we lacked a bit of experience when the going got tough and Sunderland came with a good run at the end," he added.

● Luton 'keeper Jake Findlay was voted 'Bobbies Supporters Club' player-of-the-season.

David Moss shows the ball to Sunderland full-back Steve Whitworth before curling it into the net.



## SECOND DIVISION WINNERS 79/80

Club	Player	This PI	season Gls	Club PI	career Gls	Award
BIRMINGHAM	Jeff Wealands	40	0	40	0	Trophy + £250
BRISTOL ROVERS	Not yet decided					
BURNLEY	Not yet decided					
CAMBRIDGE	Tom Finney	29	13	155+1	50	Cut glass decanter plus goblets
CARDIFF	Billy Ronson	41	2	41	2	Trophy
CHARLTON	Les Berry	42	2	171+4	8	Trophy
CHELSEA	Clive Walker	29+7 as sub	13	73+17	24	Trophy
FULHAM	Gordon Davies	39	15	75+1	25	Canteen of silver
LEICESTER	John O'Neill	33	0	56	0	Cup plus tankard
LUTON	David Moss	41	24	70+1	37	Silver tankard
NEWCASTLE	No competition					
NOTTS. COUNTY	David Hunt	38	4	86+1	6	Silver rosebowl
OLDHAM	Simon Stainrod	37	11	51	16	Trophy
ORIENT	Bobby Fisher	42	2	234+6	3	Shield plus trophy
PRESTON	Roy Tunks	42	0	238	0	'Tom Finney' trophy
QPR	Clive Allen	39	27	43+6	31	Trophy
SHREWSBURY	David tong	41	1	76+2	6	Silver cup
SUNDERLAND	Jeff Clarke	39	1	153+2	6	Trophy
SWANSEA	David Giles	25	8	25	8	Trophy
WATFORD	Ian Bolton	39	4	126	19	Trophy plus cup
WEST HAM	Alvin Martin	40	2	67+ 2	4	Trophy
WREXHAM	Dixie McNeil	37	14	90+1	31	Trophy

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● Quiz answers are on page 35

## Know your soccer?

How's your soccer knowledge? See how many of these questions you can answer correctly. If you get all 15 right you could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title, which our question compiler, Julian Pincher, held in 1978. Between 9 and 14 correct and you are a pretty knowledgeable fan. Below 8 — keep practising and reading **MATCH WEEKLY** EVERY WEEK.



Who is he? See question one

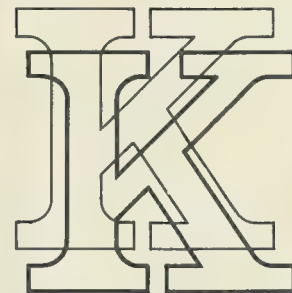
1. Name the player who scored the goal that took Arsenal into the 1980 F.A. Cup Final.
2. Name either of the players who were joint runners up to Terry McDermott in the 1980 Footballer of the Year poll.
3. Name the player Liverpool recently paid Chester £300,000 for.
4. Which team won the 1980 F.A. Vase?
5. Which former England international is the new manager of Bristol Rovers?
6. From which Scottish club did Manchester United sign Martin Buchan?
7. Which West Brom manager signed Cyrille Regis for the club?
8. Identify the following clubs from their nick names: a) The Paraders, b) The Seals, c) The Dons.
9. Who scored the winning goal for Arsenal in the 1971 F.A. Cup Final to clinch the League and Cup double?
10. Which team beat Spurs in the final of the 1974 U.E.F.A. Cup Final?
11. Which two brothers played for Chelsea in the 1967 F.A. Cup Final?
12. Who when coming onto the field for Barrow v Wrexham in August 1965, became the first substitute to score a League goal?
13. Ipswich's run of 23 League games without defeat began and ended with the same team, name them.
14. Which manager is nicknamed "Bald Eagle"?
15. Which team gained promotion for the first time since 1939, last season?

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THERE are prizes galore on this week's **HALF TIME** page. In addition to the portable stereo record player and five footballs being offered in the Spot the Difference competition (right), we are offering five more leather footballs in the crossword competition. Why not have a go? The questions are easy and the prizes absolutely FREE — so you've got nothing to lose.

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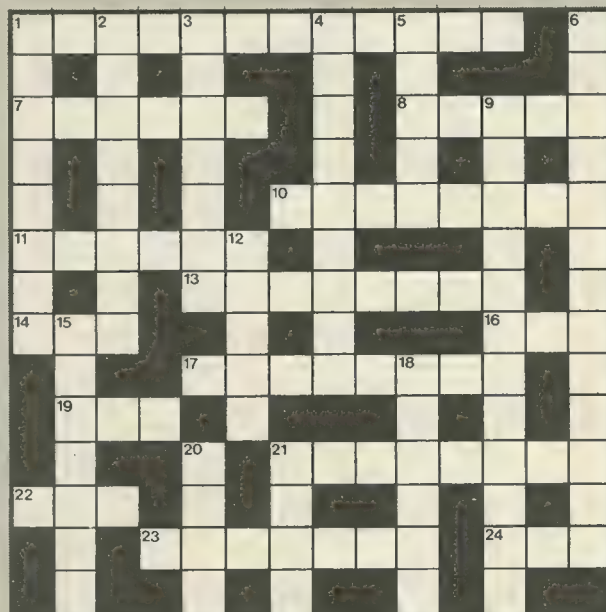
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### Clues Across:

1. South African-born star who recently joined Chelsea. (5,7)
7. Sort out Ian Ket and find a Bristol Rover. (anagram)
8. Your favourite magazine — we hope!
10. Leeds' Jeff sounds as though he may have made candles or dealt in ship's supplies!
11. Man. United's winking winger.
13. Forest stalwart who formerly played for Leeds, Derby and Hartlepool.
14. No goals
16. Cup game.
17. Large soccer grounds.
19. In short, he's a rherve!
21. Away team.
22. Arsenal midfielder.
23. Turn Neal Rap into a Glasgow Ranger with 11 Scottish caps.
24. Number of goals scored by Joe Payne of Luton in a 1936 game against Bristol Rovers, establishing a league record.

### Clues Down:

1. You'll find 'em at The Valley.
2. Scored during extra time? (4,4)
3. Forest's Big Dave.
4. Everton marksman, previously with Birmingham City.
5. Portman Road defender.
6. And yet another member of Cloughie's Squad! (4,9)
9. Men who search for the stars of tomorrow. (6,6)
12. Leicester's Geoff doesn't sound English — but he is.
15. F.A. Cup Winners 1977-78.
18. Leeds, Hereford or Hartlepool?
20. Cultured Anfield defender.
21. Port ----.



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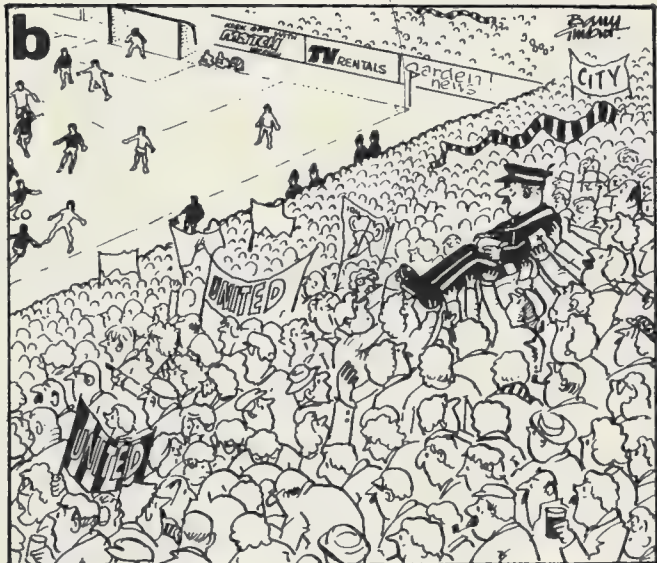
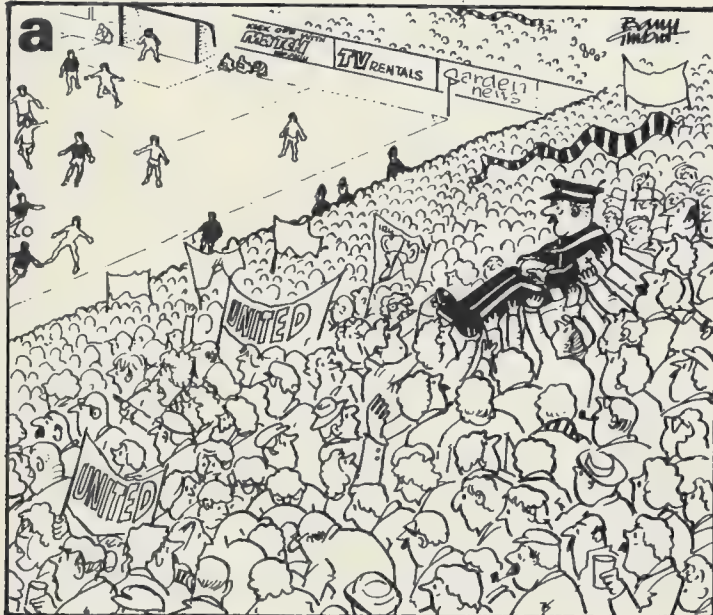
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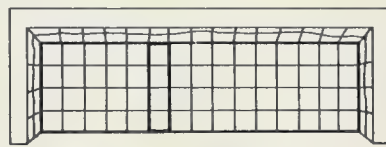
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No 15

**PETER McCLOY**  
Rangers

**BIRTHPLACE:** Girvan. **BIRTHDATE:** November 26, 1946. **CAREER:** Motherwell, Rangers. **APPEARANCES:** 610 (League and Cup). **INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Four full Scottish caps, four appearances for Scottish League.

**MY GREATEST SAVE:** "One that I made in the European Cup last year comes to mind. We were playing Juventus in a first round second-leg match.

"We'd lost the first leg 1-0 but we were winning the second leg 2-0 when Roberto Bettega got in a header on goal in the last minute.

"He was only about nine or ten yards out and the ball was heading for the top corner. I just managed to get the tiniest touch to the ball and push it over the bar.

"It was an important save because if they had scored they would have gone through instead of us."

Alas Rangers were knocked out in the quarter final of the competition by Cologne of West Germany.



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## Don't turn our soccer into a circus

IN AMERICA the football scene is 'decorated' with all sorts of glamorous competitions etc.

I think this is wrong because it is becoming a substitute for football. I would absolutely object to that sort of thing happening in England.

I say let's keep the game as it is. We want to go to a football match not a circus!

James Mills (14),  
Corringham, Essex.

## Let's have 'shoot outs'

WHY DOESN'T Britain take a leaf out of America's book. If Britain adopted the 'shoot out' system it would liven up a drab game.

I also think the points' system should be changed. Teams should get points depending on how many goals they score, ie a 3-1 win would mean the winning team gets three points but the losers still get a point. This would encourage attacking football and stop teams holding on for a 1-0 win.

Derek Melon (14), Edinburgh.  
● In a shoot out a player has to

beat the goalkeeper from a 35-yard line within five seconds.

## Brighten up team names

AMERICA may not be producing the creme de la creme in football, but one must confess their team names add excitement to the game.

'San Jose Earthquakes' and 'Memphis Rogues' for example. How about a few changes over here to brighten things up like 'Oldham Oddballs', 'Blackpool Beachcombers' or 'Tranmere Tearaways' for starters.

Karl Lawton (14), Mirfield,  
West Yorkshire.

## Medals for runners-up

IT IS most unfair that the League Championship runners-up get nothing for their efforts at the end of the season.

All Cup finalists are guaranteed some sort of second best memento so why no medals for the runners-up in the toughest soccer League in the world?

Gerard O'Reilly (14), Tullow, Eire.



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# PREDICT ON ER U.S.A. STYLE **£10**

SOCCER U.S.A. style goes too far. Having read and heard about the developing soccer world in the United States I've decided I don't like it one little bit.

America can look after its own, but when people start talking about British football getting involved I get very annoyed.

I'm a traditionalist who believes our soccer always has been and always will be the best.

It's the way the Americans present their soccer that bothers me ... and the fact that it seems to be rubbing off over here.

## More than one sub?

I THINK the laws regarding substitutes should be changed. It's ridiculous allowing only one substitute in a match because if a player has to come off through injury and his team has already used the sub., then it restricts them to playing with ten men and probably loses them the game.

Simon Hewitt (14),  
Leamington Spa, Warks.

Everything in the States is larger than life including their football with all the gimmicks and the razamatazz before games.

Obviously they need to attract fans, but there's no need to go as far as they do. All the constant entertainment detracts from the game itself.

If people want that sort of thing why don't they go to a fairground? You go to a soccer match to watch soccer.

John Hyland, Sittingbourne, Kent.

## Wolves — team of the year

In my opinion the season has belonged to the revitalised Wolves. Look at the facts — they have made a number of achievements this season which have gone un-noticed in many quarters.

If Liverpool, Arsenal or Manchester United had achieved the same they would have been praised no-end.

# OUTRAGED!

WELCOME to Outraged — the weekly column which stems from many of the outraged views we receive each week from MATCH WEEKLY readers — and which, in turn, outrage Match writer, Trevor HAYLETT. Why not outrage him still further — and win £2 in the process — by sending in your controversial and outrageous views to MATCH WEEKLY. And if you want to comment on his comments, go ahead.



## End penalty farce

I WAS outraged to see the way this year's European Cup Winners Cup final was decided. Surely football consists of 11 players all working for each other and has nothing to do with a ridiculous system of five men alternately taking penalties for each side.

I feel sad especially for Graham Rix, who had to take the kick to save his club and watched the culmination of a season's sweat disappear with one penalty.

Stuart Glover, Beckenham, Kent.

*● I too, was outraged but the sad fact is that Arsenal might well have needed another three replays to get a result. At least the penalties brought a bit of excitement to a drab occasion.*

## Spend £1m Arsenal!

YOU printed a letter from K Lyons citing teams like Everton, Man City and West Brom and saying money can't buy success. It mentioned the fact that Arsenal had gained success this season by only spending £75,000.

This is rubbish in my opinion as Arsenal have won nothing — losing in both Cup finals. So my advice to Arsenal is go and spend a million. It worked for Wolves ad Forest.

Mark Edwards (14), Rotherham.

*● I like the way you wait until after Arsenal's Cup finals before sending in your horrible little letter. A lot of other teams would have liked Arsenal's 'unsuccessful' season. The only thing they lacked was breath — and money can't buy that.*

## I blame the players

THE RIOT at the Scottish Cup final was nothing new. We have seen it all before and heard the remedies, suggestions and counter-remedies.

Clubs should penalise heavily every player who behaves like a silly child after scoring a goal.

Players running about like mad, shaking fists, gesturing towards the crowd, kissing and jumping on each others' backs only induces crowd excitement and violence.

Garry Westwater (12), Fife.

*● Oh dear, I'm about to fall out with another Scotsman. The riot at Hampden was all because one team got beat. It had nothing to do with the player's reaction after scoring the goal.*

15 places.

Best of all they have one of the most prospering management partnerships in the country — John Barnwell and Richie Barker.

Congratulations, Wolves, you deserve it. One last note, Division One and Europe watch out ... here they come!

Trevor Worth,  
Plymouth, Devon.





# Grims First



*Above left: Tony Ford avoids a tackle from Wolves defender George Berry in their League Cup struggle.*

*Above: Joe Waters — his career snapped in two.*

*Below: Mike Brolly — beautiful striker of the ball.*



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# Grimsby Town in the First Division!

## AND WHY NOT? ASKS MANAGER GEORGE KERR



**GRIMSBY Town in the First Division! Who would think it possible?**

The answer to that, quite simply, is Town's ambitious young boss, George Kerr, his players — and a whole seaside community who love their football and have produced support second to none over the last two seasons.

"Two years ago, you would have laughed at the thought of Grimsby in the First Division," said George.

Now, having won the Fourth and Third in successive seasons, we are on the verge of a campaign which could see us snatching that status.

"And why not. I know there are 21 other clubs in the division who might have other ideas — but my players and I will be

trying to get into the First.

"It's no good standing still. If you do, the game will claim you back. In other words, we would soon be in the Third again."

George, a player with Barnsley, Oxford and Scunthorpe, fairly enthused at the idea of having FA Cup holders West Ham at Blundell Park in a league game next winter.

"Then there's people like Newcastle, Derby, Chelsea and Bolton Wanderers. It will give the locals a sniff of top class league football for the first time in years.

"We also have a big area to draw on and as Lincolnshire football is slightly in the doldrums, I think we can pull them in from further afield."

And what of his players? "The average age of the side is only 23 and there's a lot of 19 and 20-year-olds — but they've stretched themselves twice and

they can do it again.

"Just think! This club has lost only 35 league matches in three years. That's some going."

George spoke with pride of the players who have gone into Town's team straight from Grimsby schools' football.

He continued: "There's David Moore, his brother Kevin, Shaun Mawer, Kevin Drinkell and Tony Ford, a player of tremendous technique who has so much to give.

"We also have people here who couldn't do it when they were last in the First. There's Eire International Joe Waters, who didn't make it at Leicester, and Mike Brolly, now such a beautiful striker of the ball, who had unhappy spells with Chelsea and Bristol City.

"Their careers snapped in two — but now here they are at Grimsby putting it all together

again."

Waters is a right sided midfield player who loves to attack and George spoke with enthusiasm about his developing partnership with 24-year-old Bobby Mitchell, who plays out on the left in midfield.

Continued George: "Generally, however, there are no stars in this team. They work hard for one another and the credit for our success must be shared. That is how it will continue".

So how will Grimsby fare against class teams like West Ham? The answer may live to some extent in last year's League Cup. They knocked out Everton, took eventual winners Wolves to three titanic struggles, and then forgot all about cup football to get on with winning promotion.

Certainly, George Kerr is confident the Grimsby show will go on sweeping along.

### THE ROAD TO DIVISION TWO

DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	SCORERS	GATE	DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT	SCORERS	GATE		
August 18	Exeter	(H)	4-1	Waters (pen), Liddell 2, Cumming	5,937	December 20	Barnsley	(H)	3-0	Cumming, Kilmore 2	14,150
August 22	Chester	(A)	1-3	Moore K	3,779	December 29	Sheffield United	(A)	1-1	Cumming	21,684
August 25	Blackpool	(H)	4-3	Waters (pen), Cumming 2, Moore K	7,306	January 12	Blackburn	(H)	1-2	Brolly	10,711
September 1	Blackburn Rovers	(A)	0-0		8,877	January 15	Reading	(A)	2-1	Drinkell, Kilmore	8,532
September 8	Plymouth	(H)	1-0	Cumming	7,224	January 19	Plymouth	(A)	1-1	Cumming	6,310
September 15	Brentford	(A)	0-1		7,120	January 26	Blackpool	(A)	3-0	Drinkell 2, Cumming	4,932
September 18	Bury	(A)	1-1	Kilmore	3,176	February 2	Brentford	(H)	5-1	Brolly, Kilmore, Drinkell 2, Salman	9,560
September 22	Colchester	(H)	1-2	Kilmore	6,962	February 8	Colchester	(A)	1-2	Dowman	5,149
September 19	Swindon	(A)	0-3		6,825	February 16	Swindon Town	(H)	2-0	Cumming, Ford	12,675
October 2	Bury	(H)	1-0	Cumming	7,109	February 23	Chesterfield	(A)	3-2	Drinkell, Cumming, Kilmore	13,867
October 6	Millwall	(A)	0-2		5,057	March 1	Gillingham	(H)	1-0	Drinkell	11,246
October 9	Chester	(H)	0-2		8,007	March 8	Rotherham	(A)	0-0		9,032
October 13	Chesterfield	(H)	1-1	Kilmore	6,599	March 15	Millwall	(H)	2-0	Kilmore, Drinkell	10,923
October 20	Gillingham	(A)	1-0	Kilmore	6,378	March 22	Southend	(H)	1-0	Ford	10,532
October 23	Sheffield Wed	(A)	0-2		13,855	March 29	Wimbledon	(A)	6-3	Kilmore 3, Cumming Mitchell, Drinkell	2,485
October 27	Rotherham	(H)	2-0	Waters, Cumming	7,702	April 4	Carlisle	(H)	2-0	Mitchell, Drinkell	15,121
November 3	Exeter	(A)	2-1	Ford, Hatch	4,356	April 5	Barnsley	(A)	1-0	Brolly	16,433
November 6	Sheffield Wed	(H)	3-1	Drinkell, Wiggington, Ford	14,900	April 7	Hull	(H)	1-1	Cumming	18,363
November 9	Southend	(A)	0-1		4,119	April 12	Reading	(A)	1-1	Waters	9,549
November 17	Wimbledon	(H)	1-0	Waters (pen)	6,716	April 14	Hull City	(H)	1-1	Cumming	18,363
December 1	Oxford	(A)	1-0	Kilmore	3,361	April 19	Oxford	(H)	2-0	Moore K, Drinkell	11,735
						April 26	Mansfield	(A)	0-0		10,100
						May 3	Sheffield United	(H)	4-0	Drinkell 3, Waters	19,276



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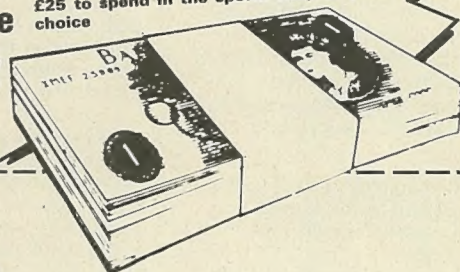
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**Answers:** 1. Flag in crowd missing. 2. Line under 'FULL' missing. 3. 3 chimneys not 2. 4. Ball missing. 5. Left hand wing mirror on

bus gone. 6. Driver's boots black. 7. 1st man on top of bus glass full. 8. Excursion missing. 9. Driver's pipe missing. 10. Man next to policeman programme missing.

**WINNERS** of the Match Weekly Crossword No. 36 were: Raymond Blundell, 77 Milton Street, Fleetwood, Lancs.; Kevin Funnell, 42 Burlington Gardens, Portslade, Sussex; Troy Middleton, 36 South Drive, Stoney Stanton, Leicester; Andrew Yorke, 6 Biggs Lane, Arborfield, Berkshire; Mark Jacob, 7 Urban Terrace, Callington, Cornwall.

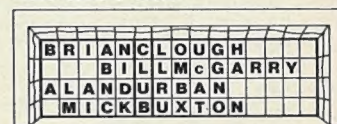
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21. Robertson 23. Stands 25. King 26. Rodgers

Down — 1 Jimmy Case 2. Ron Saunders 3. Neal 4. Defeat 5. Ayr 7. Stock 9. Day 11. Suddaby 12. Fit 13 (and 14 across). Newcastle United 16. Toshack 17. Francis 22. Reid 23. Sub 24. Den

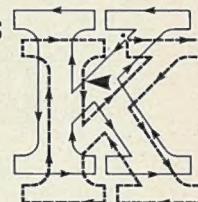
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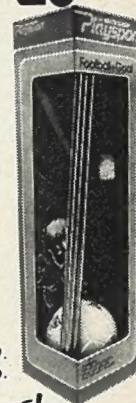
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# matchmakers

## STUART PEARSON

### West Ham United

**FULL NAME:** James Stuart Pearson  
**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** Hull, June 21, 1950  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5ft 9in, 11st 11lb  
**MARRIED:** Yes, to Susan  
**CHILDREN:** Tara Jane (4 yrs), Wayne (1 yr)  
**CAR:** Granada 2.8  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Hull City, Manchester United  
**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** I worked for the Yorkshire Electricity Board  
**CLUB NICKNAME:** Pancho  
**WORST EVER INJURY:** The cartilage injury to my left knee which made me miss all but two games in my last season at Manchester United  
**FAVOURITE BRITISH PLAYER AND WHY:** Kevin Keegan — I've got a lot of respect for him both as a world-class player and a tremendous guy.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Real Madrid  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Pele — the greatest player I've ever seen  
**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** Shilton, Cohen, J. Charles, Moore, Wilson, Bremner, Brady, Best, Law, Keegan, Finney.  
**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL X1:** Shilton (England), Carlos Alberto (Brazil), J. Charles (Wales), Moore (England), Wilson (England), Bremner (Scotland), Cruyff (Holland), Puskas (Hungary), Best (N. Ireland), Pele (Brazil), Di Stefano (Spain)  
**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Old Trafford  
**FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:** Boca Juniors Stadium in Argentina  
**BEST GOAL SCORED:** My goal which opened the scoring against Liverpool in the 1977 FA Cup Final.  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENTS:** Dave Watson, Roy McFarland and Kevin Beattie  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Beating Liverpool in the 1977 FA Cup Final  
**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** When the whistle blew at the end of the 1977 and 1980 FA Cup Finals  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** My injuries and leaving Manchester United  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Golf and snooker  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Dining out and spending time with my kids  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** People criticising team-mates in front of me  
**FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER:** Elton John  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Veal with mushrooms and white wine sauce  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Milk  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Terry Neill and Andy Davidson while I was at Hull and Tommy Docherty and Tommy Cavanagh when I was with Manchester United  
**WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:** Injuries, travelling and people knocking the game  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Plain omelette and beans or cornflakes  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** 15 full England caps and one at U-23  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be financially secure  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To help West Ham back into the First Division and regain my place in the England squad  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** I'd like to stay in the game — possibly in coaching  
**PLAYER FOR THE EIGHTIES:** Alan Devonshire  
**ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:** There's always such a lot of bad advice going around in football that they should close their ears to it and only listen to the good advice from the old pros.

*Stuart Pearson*

